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SUBJECT: PROPOSALS FOR INCREASED PROTEIN PRODUCTION

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1. SUMMARY. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH VARIOUS COMMISSION SOURCES
THE AGRA-EUROPE REPORT REFERRED TO IN REFTEL A, ACCORDING
TO WHICH FRENCH FARM ORGANIZATIONS INTEND TO PRESENT TO THE
EC COMMISSION PROPOSALS TO ENCOURAGE EC PRODUCTION OF PROTEIN-
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RICH PRODUCTS AND THAT DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR CAP REGULATIONS FOR

THESE PRODUCTS ARE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL OF AGMINISTERS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30. COMMISSION OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT SO FAR NO SUCH PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FRENCH. MOREOVER, THE COMMISSION DOES NOT INTEND TO PRESENT TO THE COUNCIL DRAFT CAP REGULATIONS FOR THESE PRODUCTS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR CONTACTS, THE COMMISSION SOURCES SO FAR HAVE NOT RECEIVED FRENCH PROPOSALS FOR CAP REGULATIONS FOR PROTEIN-RICH PRODUCTS SUCH AS ALFALFA, FODDER BEANS AND FODDER PEAS. OUR CONTRACTS ALSO TOLD US THAT NO SUCH COMMISSION PROPOSALS ARE BEING PRESENTLY PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COUNCIL BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30.

3. HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION SERVICES ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN REVIEWING THE COMMUNITY'S PROTEIN SITUATION. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE COUNCIL IN ITS JULY 16-17 MEETING HAD ASKED THE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF ENCOURAGING THE PRODUCTION OF PROTEIN-RICH CROPS IN THE COMMUNITY AND TO PRESENT A REPORT AND POSSIBLY PROPOSALS TO THIS EFFECT (REF. B). THIS REPORT IS STILL IN PREPARATION AND WILL NOT BE READY BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER.

4. THE COMMISSION REPORT IS BEING PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MEMBER STATES. IT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED THAT THIS REPORT WILL ALSO CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CAP REGULATIONS FOR PROTEIN-RICH CROPS AND THAT IT MAY ALSO ACTIVATE THE LONG-DORMANT COMMISSION PAPER FOR SOYBEANS.

5. THE NEXT COMMISSION STEPS IN THIS FIELD WILL PROBABLY BE GUIDED BY A RESTRICTED MEETING WHICH THE AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS PLAN TO HAVE PRIOR TO THE EC AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 24-25. IN THIS RESTRICTED MEETING THE MINISTERS

REPORTEDLY INTEND TO REVIEW THE WORLD SUPPLY SITUATION FOR MAJOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INCLUDING THE WORLD SUPPLY SITUATION OF PROTEINS AND ITS REPERCUSSIONS ON THE PROTEIN SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY.
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